



June 17, 2009

Stephanie Strength
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Washington, D.C. 20250-1571

**RE: Proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345kV Transmission System
Minnesota and Wisconsin**

Dear Stephanie;

T-001-001

This letter is in response to the above project. The Bois Forte Band is not aware of any cultural or religious properties within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) and does not wish to comment further on this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 218-753-6017 or rozeberens@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Berens
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe

cc Bill Latady, Deputy THPO
Barb Brodeen, Bois Forte Tribal Council Executive Director

T-001-001

RUS appreciates the response from the Bois Forte Tribe regarding consultation on the proposed project.

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June 16, 2009

Dear Stephanie,

Thank you for the notification in regards to Proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission System Project. The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin has reviewed the proposed project and at this time has interest in consultation matters, however we would recommend that all the Wisconsin Tribes be notified and afforded the opportunity just as Oneida was.

If I can be of any assistance for contact information regarding the Wisconsin Tribes, I certainly can help you with that. Again thank you for your time in this matter.

Respectfully,

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T-002-001

RUS appreciates the response from the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin regarding consultation on the proposed project. RUS will contact the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin regarding government-to-government consultation on the proposed project.

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RUS will contact all Tribes with cultural resources located within the proposed project area regarding government-to-government consultation on the proposed project.

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



District I Representative
Robbie Howe

Arthur "Archie" Larose, Chairman
Mike Bongo, Secretary/Treasurer

District II Representative
Lyman L. Losh

District III Representative
Eugene "Ribs" Whitebird

June 15, 2009

USDA Rural Development
Attn: Mark S. Plank
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RE: **Proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission System**
Goodhue, Rice, Dakota, Winona, Wabasha, Olmsted, Dodge, and
Houston Counties, Minnesota
Buffalo, Trempealeau, and La Crosse Counties, Wisconsin
LL-THPO Number: 09-121-NCRI

Dear Mr. Plank:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. It has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1992 and the Procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (38CFR800).

T-003-001 **I have reviewed the documentation; after careful consideration of our records, I have determined that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe does not have any concerns regarding sites of religious or cultural importance in this area.**

Should any human remains or suspected human remains be encountered, all work shall cease and the following personnel should be notified immediately in this order: County Sheriff's Office and Office of the State Archaeologist. If any human remains or culturally affiliated objects are inadvertently discovered this will prompt the process to which the Band will become informed.

Please note: The above determination does not "exempt" future projects from Section 106 review. In the event of any other tribe notifying us of concerns for a specific project, we may re-enter into the consultation process.

You may contact me at (218) 335-2940 if you have questions regarding our review of this project. Please refer to the LL-THPO Number as stated above in all correspondence with this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina M. Lemon
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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T-003-001

RUS appreciates the response from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe regarding consultation on the proposed project.

T-004-001



Date: June 15, 2009

Project #: USDA/DC Hampton Rochester-LaCrosse 345kV
Transmission System, MN and Wisconsin

Booshoo,

The Ketegitigaaning Ojibwe Nation THPO (Lac Vieux Desert Chippewa) received your requests for comments or interest concerning the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 request for review and comment to the effect on historic and cultural sites within the proposed project area. The LVD Tribal Historic Preservation Office has no interests documented at this time in the proposed project areas. It is LVD's belief that many prehistoric sites and Indian historic sites in the area have not yet been identified or documented. LVD is among the many Tribes initiating the process of assisting in this endeavor. LVD urges you to consult other Indian Tribes in your immediate area that may have interests in your project area, if you have not already done so.

If the scope of work changes in any way, or if artifacts or human remains are discovered, please notify LVD immediately so we can assist in making an appropriate determination. LVD urges you to consult other Indian Tribes in your immediate area that may have interests in your project area, if you have not already done so.

Please forward any future request for review of historic and cultural properties according to the National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 to giwewigizhigookway Martin, Officer, Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Please keep us informed of future projects as LVD plans to increase our efforts to identify and document sites in the area.

Miigwetch,

/s/ *giwewigizhigookway Martin*
giwewigizhigookway Martin THPO

Ketegitigaaning Ojibwe Nation
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T-004-001

RUS appreciates the response from the INSERT TRIBE NAME regarding consultation on the proposed project. RUS will provide project information to facilitate tribal participation in the project.



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June 16, 2009

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Re: Proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission System Minnesota and Wisconsin

Dear Stephanie Strength,

We have reviewed the above-referenced proposed undertaking / request for consultation, for areas described as located in the Minnesota counties of Goodhue, Rice, Dakota, Winona, Wabasha, Olmsted, Dodge and Houston; and in the Wisconsin counties of Buffalo, Trempealeau, and La Crosse as required for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800.

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T-005-003

There are in fact, known architectural properties, archeological sites, culturally sensitive sites, or traditional cultural properties (TCP) within these areas and we do elect to become part of the Programmatic Agreement (PA) as a consulting party. At this time, we will request to receive the "2008 CapX2020 utilities background study" mentioned in the correspondence letter to the Ho-Chunk Nation (Nation), as well as any other environmental or cultural studies that have been conducted up to this point, regarding the undertaking you propose. Electronic versions of these can be sent via e-mail if you would like, as well as a 5 hard copies sent to the Nation's THPO for dispersion to pertinent parties who may hold interest with this process.

If your project does proceed to the point of construction, please be aware that if inadvertent finds concerning cultural resources such as pottery, shards, historic/pre-historic artifacts or bone fragments/human remains occur during the process involved with this project, please stop all site work and contact the required pertinent agencies immediately.

If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to contact myself at 1-715-284-7181 Ext. 1121.

Respectfully,

William Quackenbush
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Ho-Chunk Nation

Cc Larry Garvin, Heritage Preservation Director, Ho-Chunk Nation
Wilfrid Cleveland – President, Ho-Chunk Nation

To preserve, protect and nurture the cultural, religious and historic resources of the Ho-Chunk Nation in its entirety.

T-005-001

RUS appreciates the response from the Ho-Chunk Nation regarding consultation on the proposed project. RUS will provide project information to facilitate tribal participation in the project.

T-005-002

RUS will contact the Ho-Chunk Nation regarding government-to-government consultation on the proposed project.

T-005-003

RUS will contact the Ho-Chunk Nation regarding government-to-government consultation on the proposed project.



MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE
Executive Branch of Tribal Government

July 1, 2009

Stephanie Strength
USDA, Rural Development
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
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Re: Section 106 Consultation and Tribal Review NHPA: USDA/Rural Development:
Application for financial assistance from Dairyland, partner utilities of CapX2020
for the construct of a 345 kv electric transmission line and associated facilities to
connect Hampton and Rochester, MN with the La Crosse, Wisconsin Area,
application is to Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

Dear Ms Strength,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the above project. It
has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the Tribal Historic Preservation
Office by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and the Procedures of the
Advisory Council of Historic Preservation (36CFR800).

Based on available information, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe will participate in
government to government consultation with this project. We will be waiting for the copy
of the background survey by RUS.

Please contact Natalie Weyaus at 320-532-4181 extension 7450 if you have any
questions regarding our review of this project.

Respectfully,

Natalie Weyaus
Natalie Weyaus
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Cc: Dennis Gimmestad, MN SHPO Review and Compliance Officer

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RUS appreciates the response from the Mille Lacs Band of
Ojibwe regarding consultation on the proposed project. RUS will contact
the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe regarding government-to-government
consultation on the proposed project and will provide project information
to facilitate tribal participation in the proposed project.



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Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Historic Preservation Office

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June 16, 2009

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Washington, DC 20250-1571

RE: Proposed Hampton-Rochester-LaCrosse 345 kV Transmission system Minnesota and Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Strength:

Thank you for contacting the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe regarding the above referenced project. The Tribe is committed to protecting archaeological sites that are important to tribal heritage, culture and religion. Furthermore, the Tribe is particularly concerned with archaeological sites that may contain human burial remains and associated funerary objects.

T-007-001

As described in your correspondence, the proposed ground disturbing activity of this project is not in an area that is of interest to our tribe.

We appreciate your cooperation in notifying the Historic Preservation Office. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sherry White
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

(715) 793-3970

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T-007-001

RUS appreciates the response from the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe regarding consultation on the proposed project.

*Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
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July 2, 2009

Mark Plank
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USDA Rural Development
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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

Re: Proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission System Minnesota
and Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Plank:

At this time, we do not have any information concerning the presence of any Indian
Traditional Cultural Properties, Sacred Sites, or Other Significant Properties in the
designated area of the proposed construction site in Minnesota or Wisconsin. This is not
to say that such site does not exist, just this office does not have any available
information indicating that a site is present using our current documentation of the area.
If contact could be made with the closest tribes there, they could provide you with more
information.

However, this office would be more than willing to assist, if in the future or during
construction, there is an inadvertent discovery of Native American human remains or
burial objects. I have enclosed a Site Reference Form that our office uses in the event of
a discovery in order to speed the process. Please contact me if you have any further
question or requests. I can be reached at (231)242-1453.

We thank you for including our tribe in your plans.

Miigwetch (thank you)

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Winnay Wemigwase
Director
Archives/Records and Cultural Preservation
Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians

T-008-001

RUS appreciates the response from the Little Traverse Bay Band of
Odawa Indians regarding consultation on the proposed project.

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Site Reference Form



Date of Discovery: _____ Today's Date: _____

Owner/Site Representative: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Location: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Site Information:

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Location and Circumstance of Discovery: _____ Time of Discovery: _____ am/pm

Contacts Made:

Law Enforcement Department: _____

Investigating Officer: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Date of police report: _____ Time on report: _____ am/pm

Other contacts (w/phone #): _____

Native American Burial (please circle) yes _____ no _____

Confirmed by: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Release Status: _____

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal NAGPRA Contacts:

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Kessler, Ellen

From: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC [Stephanie.Strength@wdc.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:14 AM
To: Lilley, Bliss
Cc: Collins, Carly
Subject: FW: Proposed CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission System MN and WI

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From: Leonard Wabasha (CC) [mailto:leonard.wabasha@shakopeedakota.org]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2009 11:10 AM
To: Low, Tara
Cc: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC
Subject: RE: Proposed CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission System MN and WI

T-009-001 I didn't know Mr Crooks was alive in year 1009? An obvious typo, in any case, I would like to receive all documentation and information concerning this project including all Cultural Resource Studies (w/maps) including Arch. Reports and findings, also, at this point, I would like to participate in a site walk through regarding the areas along bluff tops concerning the areas where this transmission line will cross the rivers Mississippi and Minnesota, Please pass this note along to those individuals who will be handling this project, Thanks and Have a Nice Day...

Your letter, dated June 11th, 2009, arrived today

From: Low, Tara [mailto:Tara.Low@aecom.com]
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2009 2:15 PM
To: Leonard Wabasha (CC)
Subject: Proposed CapX2020 Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission System MN and WI

Dear Leonard Wabasha,

Please find attached official communication to cultural resource representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the RUS project manager, Stephanie Strength at 202-720-0468 or at Stephanie.strength@wdc.usda.gov.

Thank you,

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T-009-001

RUS appreciates the response from the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Community regarding consultation on the proposed project. RUS will provide project information to facilitate tribal participation in the project.

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